

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 were previously cancelled. Claims 22 and 46 are currently amended. Claims 24, 29 and 33, which were previously withdrawn, have been amended and remain withdrawn. Claims 34 and 36-39, which were also previously withdrawn, have now been cancelled. Claim 23 is carried forward. Claims 25-28, 30-32, 35 and 40-45 remain withdrawn, all as follows.

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A printing press adapted for imprinting a web of material and comprising:

a forme cylinder, said forme cylinder having a forme cylinder width and being equipped with printing plates of a number of N pages in width, said number N of pages being a natural number evenly divisible by three, ~~said forme cylinder having a forme cylinder width~~, said number N of pages having a combined page width less than said forme cylinder width, said number N of pages, plus one page having a width greater than said forme cylinder width, said printing plate being adapted to print said number of pages on said web of material and having a maximum web width equal to said combined page width;

at least one longitudinal web cutting device usable to cut the web of material, having said maximum a web width, into at least first and second partial webs

of said material, each of said at least first and second partial webs having a partial web width less than said maximum width of said web, one of said partial web widths being two-thirds of said maximum web width width;

means for placing said at least one longitudinal web cutting device on a boundary between a K^{TH} and a K^{TH} plus one page printed on said web of material, wherein K is selected from one third and two thirds of N; and

a former, at least one of said partial webs being conducted along a web path from said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and through said former for longitudinal folding of said at least one of said partial webs, said former having a former entry direction in an area of said at least one longitudinal web cutting device, said entry area extending transversely to a web running direction[.];

at least first and second turning bars in said web path between said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and said former; and

an effective width of one of said at least first and second turning bars, said effective width being at least two-thirds of said maximum web width, said partial web of said width of two-thirds of said maximum web width being directed over this one of said at least first and second turning bars.

23. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has an effective former width at least as great as two thirds of said forme cylinder width, and less than said forme cylinder width.

24. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said at least ~~one~~ partial web of one third of said web of material width is centered on said former, said former having an effective former width of half of the web of material.

25. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a further longitudinal cutting device located after, in a direction of web travel, said former and adapted for cutting said at least one partial web conducted through said former in a longitudinal direction of said at least one partial web.

26. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including at least one transverse cutter after, in a direction of web travel, said former.

27. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 26 further including a stapler associated with said at least one transverse cutter.

28. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including at least one folding apparatus after, in a direction of web travel, said former.
29. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has a width greater than two-thirds $2/3$ of, and less than said width of said forme cylinder.
30. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said forme cylinder is usable to print six side-by-side arranged printed pages.
31. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 30 wherein said six side-by-side arranged printed pages are newspaper pages in broadsheet format.
32. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein all of said partial webs of material are conducted to said former.
33. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has a width of at least half of said web width, and further wherein ~~at least one of~~ said partial web webs, and having a partial web width of $1/3$ of said web width, is folded longitudinally centered by said former.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a press frame, said folder being fixed to said press frame.

Claims 36-39(Cancelled)

40. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a plurality of turning bars after said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and before said former in a direction of web travel, and means for moving at least one of said plurality of turning bars in a plane of said web to effect alignment of said partial webs with said former.

41. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 40 wherein all of said plurality of turning bars are movable in said plane.

42. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 24 wherein said printed web of one third of said web of material width is printed as two side-by-side vertical printed pages.

43. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including an odd number of turning bars after said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and before said former, in a direction of web travel.

44. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has an effective width transversely to said former entry direction.

45. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said forme cylinder width is a maximum area of ink transfer.

46. (Currently Amended) A printing press adapted for imprinting a web of material and comprising:

a forme cylinder having a forme cylinder axis of rotation, said forme cylinder having a forme center width being equipped with printing plates of a number of N pages in width, said number N of pages being a natural number evenly divisible by three, ~~said forme cylinder having a forme cylinder width~~, said number N of pages having a combined page width less than said forme cylinder width, said number N of pages, plus one page having a width greater than said forme cylinder width said printing plates being adapted to print said number of pages on said web of material and having a maximum web width equal to said combined page width;

a press alignment direction of travel of a web of material being imprinted by said forme cylinder, said press alignment direction being perpendicular to said forme cylinder axis of rotation;

at least one longitudinal web cutting device usable to cut the web of material in said press alignment direction, said web of material having said maximum a web width not greater than said forme cylinder width, said at least one longitudinal web cutting device cutting said the web into at least first and second partial webs of said material, each of said at least first and second partial webs of material each having a partial web width less than said maximum web width;

means for placing said at least one longitudinal web cutting device adjacent said forme cylinder and on a boundary between a K^{th} and a K^{th} plus one page printed on said web of material, wherein K is selected from one third and two thirds of N; and

a former, at least one of said partial webs being conducted along a web path from said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and through said former for longitudinal folding of said at least one of said partial webs, said former having a former entry direction, in an area subsequent to said at least one longitudinal web cutting device, said former entry area extending transversely to said press alignment direction and parallel to said forme cylinder axis of rotation[.];

at least first and second turning bars in said web path between said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and said former; and

an effective width of one of said at least first and second turning bars, said effective width being at least two-thirds of said maximum web width, said partial web of said width of two-thirds of said maximum web width being directed over this one of said at least first and second turning bars.